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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear flock:

"The seed is the word of God"—from the gospel of the day.

A few week sago I overheard this remark uttered by a young lady: "I attended the eight o'clock mass at St. ——— Church this morning and I thought Father ——— would never get through preaching." At this point I interrupted the conversation and ventured the question: "What did he preach about?" The lady, of course, blushed, but I propounded my question a second, a third, and a fourth time, and though she reflected a bit, she could not even tell me the general subject-matter of the discourse.

Now, my dear readers in 200 different parishes, was this young lady an exception or was her case only typical? My impression is that she was neither, but that she was one of a very large middle group who sit listlessly during the sermon at the mass and dream, when they are not looking about the church "sizing up" the people who are in front of them.

How is this situation to be explained? Protestants go to church precisely to hear a sermon or to hear the singing. Catholics, for the most part, prefer to go to mass at which there is neither sermon nor singing. The Protestant clergyman is called a *preacher*, and to fill that particular role he is employed—and, of course, the better he preaches the bigger the inducement offered to him in the way of salary. Poor preachers and good preachers among priests receive the same allowance, because even the poor preacher's services are invaluable to the Catholic people for other reasons.

I am certain that the true explanation is that the enemy of souls does not want Catholics to listen attentively to an instruction or sermon in which their faults are pointed out to them, or in which they are urged to pray more and better, to practice a particular virtue with more ardor.

In the gospel of this day our Divine Saviour Himself points out the different effects of the word of God on different people according as they dispose themselves for the reception of the message, whether it be the spoken or the written word. He tells us that the seed which fell by the wayside was practically all barren of results. Numerous Catholics, and especially our young folks, like to get "way on the side" of the church, where they can see little, hear little, and be most comfortable during divine services.

There are some who are indifferent about the sermon because they feel that they are quite well instructed in their religion, that they know what is wrong and that they do not need the sermon. If their reasoning be correct, then the Good Sisters should never have to listen to a sermon, yet they attend several masses on Sunday and listen with great interest to the (same) sermon during each mass. On the same theory, the priest should never be expected to make a retreat, during which sermons are preached to him five or six times a day during the course of the spiritual exercises. The Pope himself listens to sermons, and a lowly priest, usually a Capuchin monk, is selected to preach Lenten sermons to the Pope and to the whole body of Cardinals in Rome.

Our Saviour tells us in today's gospel that we are adversely affected by the cares and distractions of the six days between Sundays; and we are not our own best spiritual directors. Religious instruction and spiritual appeals must be forced on us, and no matter how lowly the preacher, how faulty his diction, or how much he lacks eloquence, he is exercising a divine commission when he "preaches the gospel" and we are obliged to be interested listeners. We should really *wish* to be willing listeners, both in order to receive spiritual benefit and in order that the sermon might not "get on our nerves" as it does in the case of one who is only waiting for it to come to a close.

Those who need sermons least are the ones who give the most attention; they also devote most time to spiritual reading at home. Therefore, it is safe to draw the conclusion that the one who is least interested in the sermon is the one who needs it most, just as the one who reads Catholic literature the least is the one who should read much of it.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Every Reader in Fort Wayne, Attention!

Our Right Reverend Bishop proposes to try out an intensive missionary effort in the city of Fort Wayne in the near future, and he should like to have the the unanimous support of the Catholic body of that city.

On Sunday, February 21st, he will address all the married ladies north of the Pennsylvania tracks at the Cathedral; on the next night, February 22d, all the young ladies in the same territory, at the Cathedral.

Then, on Tuesday night, Feb. 23d, he would like to have all the married men from the same region attend St. Mary's Church; and on Wednesday February 24th, all the young men of the same five parishes attend St. Mary's Church, where he will address them.

The following week he will talk to all the people south of the Pennsylvania tracks, including St. Patrick's, St. Peter's, St. Joseph's and St. Hyacinth's parishes. Beginning on Sunday night, February 28th, the married ladies will assemble at St. Patrick's; on Monday night, March 1st, the young ladies at St. Patrick's; then on Tuesday, March 2d, he will address the married men at St. Peter's, and on Wednesday, March 3d, the young men at St. Peter's.

On all the Sunday evenings of Lent following these special group talks, beginning March 7th, the Bishop would have present all the Protestant husbands and wives of Catholic partners, and all the Protestant company of Catholic young people. Immediately after Lent it is hoped that a class of prospective converts of considerable size will be formed.

We want all our Fort Wayne readers to remember these dates and to arrange their social functions, business and recreation as to keep these dates open and to respond 100% to the call of the Bishop.

BISHOP RETURNS FROM ST. LOUIS

The Rt. Rev. Bishop preached the closing sermon of the very solemn Triduum held in the large church connected with St. Louis University. Fully one hundred priests and two hundred seminarians besides 1,500 lay people heard the Bishop. On Sunday afternoon the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, accompanied Bishop Noll in an auto drive through the city, during which they visited the new Cathedral, the large schools conducted by the Visitation Nuns and the Sisters of St. Joseph, also the Central Catholic High School for boys and girls. The St. Louis Cathedral has been in building for eighteen years, but there is considerable of the mosaic surfacing still to be done.

On Monday the Bishop visited the Jesuit Novitiate at Florissant, Mo., where he had luncheon and addressed the student body. From there he drove to the Kenrick Seminary where he addressed the students and, returning to the city, dined in the evening with Archbishop Glennon.

D. OF I. HOLD DISTRICT MEETING AT THE CAPITAL.

Attended by over twenty regents and other members of the organization, the first state assembly of the Daughters of Isabella for the Indianapolis district was held in that city on Saturday, January 30. Business sessions, morning and afternoon, were held at the Claypool Hotel, State Regent Mrs. Frank G. Klotz, presiding. Minutes of the Fort Wayne meeting were read and reports of the circles in the state presented by Miss Helen May Irwin, of Fort Wayne, state scribe.

Preliminary arrangements were made for the State Convention combined with the district meeting to be held in Evansville, April 24-25. Circles in the Evansville district include Jeffersonville, Jasper, Princeton, Haugstadt, Ferdinand, Huntingburg, Cannelton and Vincennes.

MILLION DOLLAR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CENTER AT GARY

Courtesy of the Gary Post-Tribune

"Skyscraper" Will Be First "Tower" Style Structure in Midwest

The first building of the new "New York tower" style of architecture to be built in the middle-west will be started in Gary March 1 when ground will be broken for the Knights of Columbus "skyscraper" on the southeast corner of Fifth and Madison, the new building going nine stories in height and costing more than one million dollars. Bids for the construction of the big building will be opened in Gary on a date to be announced later.

Announcement of the acceptance of plans and completion of the financing of the huge project was made today by Grand Knight James W. McLaughlin following a week of committee, financial and legal matters between members of St. Thomas Council of Gary and bankers and attorneys to conclude the agreement between the parties concerned.

Construction will follow the plans which have been drawn by Porter and McNally, nationally known architects of Cleveland, O., and their associates, McNally and Quinn of Chicago. The working plans will be in the hands of the contractors about February 6.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE BISHOP NOLL FOR GUEST OF HONOR.

Lake Front Park Pavilion in Gary will be the scene of a banquet tendered to the Right Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne on Sunday evening, February 14th. The Knights of Columbus of the Third and Fourth Districts of Indiana have united in this tribute to the prelate.

NEW ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL AT SOUTH BEND TO BE BLESSED

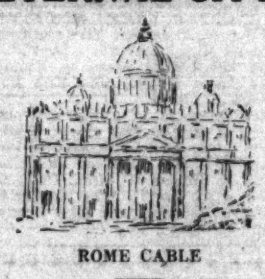
The Rev. Frederick Wenckheim, pastor of St. Stephen's church, announces the blessing of his new school on February 14th at 1:30 p. m. The Bishop will preside. Following the dedication the Bishop will leave for Gary. In the evening there will be a specially arranged program followed by a banquet in the parish hall on the second story of the new building, for Hungarian children is named.

St. Stephen's parish has had a school, but accommodations became entirely inadequate. The new structure is really an addition and contains four large school rooms and a large assembly hall on the second floor with a seating capacity of 600. At the entrance to the building there is a statue of St. Stephen after whom the school

CORRECTION

Two weeks ago it was erroneously stated in this paper that a number of Chicago men, who spend the summer at Bass Lake, had contributed money towards a new church to be built at Kouts. We had Knox in mind, and not Kouts. The pastor of Kouts wishes that our report had been correct.

DISPATCHES FROM THE ETERNAL CITY



ROME CABLE

Msgr. Enrio Pucci.

Rome, Jan. 25.—A letter from the Pope to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, in which the pontiff expressed the highest confidence in the cardinal, has put an end to the polemics occasioned by the proposed reform of ecclesiastical legislation. The attacks against the Cardinal, which had been made so freely in the Fascist press, have ceased entirely.

To Re-Open Church Closed in 1871.

The Italian Minister of Education has announced that the Church of the Roman University, closed in 1871 and transformed for civil uses, is to be reopened as a place of worship. The Church was founded by Pope Innocent X.

Presentation of White Lambs.

Two white lambs, from whose wool the pallia of archbishops will be made, were blessed and presented to the Pope on the feast of St. Agnes. The lambs are presented, each year by the Chapter of the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Irenopolis Is Msgr. Mooney's See.

Msgr. Mooney, newly appointed Apostolic Delegate to the East Indies, was consecrated Titular Archbishop of Irenopolis last Sunday by Cardinal Van Rossum.

News Within the Domain of the Stars and Stripes

Calls Industrial Unrest Suppression Of Real Catholicism

Milwaukee, Jan. 28.—(N.C.W.C.)—Speaking before the Marquette Women's League at the Hotel Pfister on Tuesday night, Dr. George Herman Derry, head of the Department of Sociology at Marquette University, declared that most of the modern industrial disease was really suppressed Catholicism.

"Every real wrong that labor deplores today," he said, "has its root in the rejection of the ancient religión; every right that labor can reasonably claim has its best warrant and support in the principles of the social tradition that the Catholic Church received from Christ.

"Unrestricted capitalism really began in the sixteenth century in England with the robbery of Church property, which concentrated in the trading and land-holding classes the preponderance of special, economic and political power. During the industrial revolution of the eighteenth century, this advantage entrenched the same privileged few in their monopoly of the instruments of production and fastened on the world that gross inequality of wealth which, with its prolific brood of evils like invisible government and political corruption, threatens to disrupt contemporary civilization. The progressive divorce of madly competitive business from morals and religion has, as Leo XIII once said, enabled this capitalistic and oligarchic regime to lay on the neck of labor 'a yoke little better than slavery itself.'

"Many utterances of the most ardent and even rabid apostles of unrest today are but confused and exaggerated statements of an ideal which the Church has ever proclaimed in a more coherent and satisfying form than the extremists could express it for themselves. If such reformers take their stand on the dignity of man, we can show them how every human being created by God and redeemed by Christ, has a much higher dignity than they ever dreamed of. If they claim for every human being a right to share in the fruits of the earth, a right to live a life worthy of a man, we can adduce divine sanctions to endorse that claim. If they protest against industrial insecurity and the concentration of capital in a few hands, we point out how they are suffering from the blow aimed in the sixteenth century at the Catholic Church. If they have a hard fight to establish the right of association in trade unions, it was because the Catholic voice was silenced in the business world."

Msgr. Kiley Appointed Spiritual Director of American College.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—N. C. W. C.—Msgr. Moses Kiley of this city has been named spiritual director of the North American College in Rome to succeed Msgr. Edward A. Mooney, recently appointed Apostolic Delegate to the East Indies. Confirmation of the appointed has been received here in a message from Rome. The appointment has been approved by the members of the American Hierarchy who are Trustees of the College and by Cardinal Bisleti, Protector of the institution.

Monsignor Kiley is a native of Boston and a former student at the College to which he will now return as its Spiritual Director. He was ordained in Rome in 1911. He is superintendent of the Central Charities Bureau of the Chicago Archdiocese, spiritual Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and superintendent of the Mission of the Holy Cross here. The last named institution is a home for unemployed men. Prior to his appointment as Archdiocesan Superintendent, when he was engaged in pastoral work, Monsignor Kiley was noted as a confessor.

Detroit Choir Heard In Far-Off Cities

Detroit, Jan. 28.—(N.C.W.C.)—Letters of appreciation have been received from Northern Canada; Jacksonville, Fla.; several cities along the Atlantic Coast; and Far Western States as a result of the Christmas program of the St. Aloysius Choir here, which was broadcast from the Detroit "Free Press" station. The program consisted of a short sermon by Msgr. John M. Boyle, Christmas carols, and Sacred Music.

Detroit K. C. Club To Cost $1,500,000

Detroit, Jan. 28.—(N.C.W.C.)—A new clubhouse which will cost approximately $1,500,000 is to be erected here by Detroit Council No. 305, Knights of Columbus.

The new home will provide living quarters for several hundred men besides having the usual club rooms, auditorium, gymnasium and ball room.

N. C. W. C. Education Department Maps Program for Year

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(N.C.W.C.)—A "Vocation Week" and a "Catholic College Week" are to be held during the year, according to plans mapped out at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at the headquarters of the Catholic Church Extension Society here Wednesday. The "Vocation Week" designed to encourage young persons to take up the religious life, will be the week before Pentecost; and the "Catholic College Week," during which efforts will be made to encourage attendance at Catholic Colleges, will be held during May.

The meeting put tiself unanimously on record as opposed to any further steps in the direction of federalization of education.

The present Bureau of Education, it considered, should be developed and, with increased equipment, could carry out all federal requirements and research and service in the field of general education.

Other subjects discussed included: bequests to Catholic colleges, health education, a central scholarship fund, and the exchange of professors between American Catholic colleges and Catholic institutions in Europe and South America.

Those who attended the meeting were: The Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul and Chairman of the Department of Education; Msgr. E. A. Pace, Director of Studies at the Catholic University of America; Msgr. John B. Peterson, President of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass.; Archabbot Aurelius Stehle, O. S. B., of Beatty, Pa.; the Very Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., President of Marquette University; the Rev. Jos. V. S. McClancy, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Brooklyn; Msgr. Francis T. Moran of Cleveland; the Very Rev. John F. Fenlon, S. S., Provincial of the Sulpicians in the United States; the Rev. Francis Walsh, O. S. B.; the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Chaplain at the University of Illinois; the Rev. Dr. Wm. F. Cunningham, O. S. C., of Notre Dame University; Msgr. John P. Chidwick, President of New Rochelle College, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. John A. Dillon, former Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. Dr. James H. Ryan, Executive Secretary of the Department of Education, and Francis M. Crowley, Director of the Bureau of Education.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FROM EVERYWHERE

Brilliant Reception In Paris to Honor Cardinal Cerretti

By M. Massiani

Paris, Jan. 25—Over two thousand persons, representing the highest ranks of the aristocracy of the world of letters, of arts, of the army, of politics, industry and commerce and of welfare and charitable organizations, attended the reception held for the pro-Nuncio Apostolic who has recently been promoted to the rank of Cardinal.

The reception, held in the residence of the Baroness Denys Cochin, was organized by a committee of one hundred women, among whom were Madame Foch, wife of Marshal Foch, the Duchess de Broglie, the Marquise de Chambrun, Madame Paul Claudel, wife of the Amassador of France to Japan; Madam Fourcade, wife of the head of the Bar Association; the Countess de Lasteyrie, wife of the former Minister of Finance; Madame Adrien Mithouard, widow of the president of the Municipal Council; Countess Albert de Mun; Madame Pau, wife of General Pau; the Duchess de Rohan, Madame Weygand, wife of General Weygand, etc.

His Eminence, Cardinal Cerretti, with whom, in the receiving line, were Cardinal Dubois and the Auxiliary Bishops of Paris, was kind enough to give a particularly amiable expression of thanks to the representative of the N. C. W. C.

So great was the attendance that a special service order had to be established in the street, and the motor busses had to change their route and pass up another street. Many of the prominent persons present recalled the day when Cardinal Richard, driven from his archi-episcopal residence by the Separation, had been taken in by Baron Denys Cochin, Catholic deputy for Paris, who later became Minister of State, and they commented with pleasure on the fact that this house which, twenty years ago was opened to a prelate who came as an exile, was now the scene of the triumph of another Prince of the Church.

Pittsburgh to Have New $600,000 School

Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.—(N.C.W.C.)—Ground has been broken here for the erection of a new Catholic Boys' High School to cost approximately $600,000. Bishop Boyle officiated at the ceremony.

The construction of this new school is a result of the educational fund campaign carried on in the Pittsburgh diocese in 1924 in which $6,000,000 was raised for the extension of Catholic education facilities.

French Artists Desert Profesesion For Religious Life

Paris, Jan. 24—N.C.W.C.—Lucien Jourdain, decorative artist and president of the organization known as the "Artisans of the Altar" has left his brushes and palette to enter the seminary. Since the war, in which he had a fine record, Jourdain, a Franciscan Tertiary, had become affiliated with the Society of the Friends of the Poor, which gives religious instruction to the derelict members of society. However, he still continued his art and had produced some important works. Two years ago he was elected president of the Artisans of the Altar.

Jourdain is not the first artist to feel the call of a religious vocation. Only last month the painter Couturier entered the Dominican Order, one of his comrades, Breton, entered the Society of Jesus.

Record Making Thief Detected in Act of Robbing Church

London, Jan. 25—N. C. W. C.—Fifty-years in jail is the record of David Davies, who this week went back for another term of three months for stealing a few pence from St. Michael's Church, Ditton. Father Corcoran, the pastor, saw an old man standing by the Blessed Virgin's Altar. When some coins dropped to the floor the man ran away with the priest after him. Father Corcoran handed him over to the police.

In court his conviction list was read over. It dates back to 1870, since when he has never kept out of jail for more than a few weeks at a time.

David Davies achieved fame here a few years ago when Lloyd George made a plea for him and described him in a picturesque passage as the "Dartmoor shepherd," a name which still clings to him.

Mass On Cruiser During Speed Test

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. 28—N. C.W.C.—While the light cruiser "Cincinnati" was rushing southward at 37.7 knots an hour on a speed test recently the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was being offered on board. It is believed that this was the first Mass ever celebrated on board a ship going at that rate of speed.

Sunday was the day selected for the speed test and for four hours the "Cincinnati" tore through the water with her 94,000 horsepower engines strained to their utmost. The crew was in a state of high nervous tension but in a remote corner of the ship the Rev. J. Earl McNanamy, Catholic Chaplain, celebrated the Sunday Mass that the Catholics on board might not be deprived of spiritual care even during such exciting times as an annual speed test.

Notre Dame Athletics.

Notre Dame's athletic teams won a triple victory over the week-end, games that in two of the instances were pleasing surprises to many of the fans. The basketball team kept up the long winning streak Friday night by defeating the Michigan State College quintet 33-14, and using the second team for three periods of the game. This makes eleven games won and only one lost for the Notre Dame squad to date, and the prospects for the rest of the season are bright. An undefeated record for the remaining eight games means that Notre Dame will be in a very favorable light to claim the western title.

The Notre Dame hockey team, coached by Hector McNeil and Tom Lieb, sprang the first big surprise of the week-end Saturday afternoon when they took the count of the strong Marquette team 7-5. The Notre Dame team has been handicapped by the lack of ice and has had only a few days practice. Marquette has been practicing for several weeks and has played a number of intercollegiate games. The Irish displayed remarkably accurate shooting and a strong defence that had the more experienced team guessing. One of the Marquette points was accidentally scored by a Notre Dame player.

One of the most pleasing victories of the busy period was the triumph of the track team over Northwestern. Coaches Tom Lieb and John Wendland made their initial bow to Notre Dame fans, as coaches, with one of the most balanced and promising track squads seen at Notre Dame in some time. Northwestern was unable to cope with the variety of talent that Notre Dame uncorked and dropped the meet 52 3-5 to 33 2-5.

CATHOLIC HIGH WINS OVER CONWAY AND OSSIAN.

Central Catholic of Fort Wayne continued their winning streak when they journeyed to Conway, Ohio. They dropped the fast quintet of that place by a 24-18 score in a hard fought game.

The Buckeyes were unable to cope with the dazzling attack offered by the Fort Wayne lads, and time and again the C. C. offensive swept down the floor for short shots. At times Central Catholic found great difficulty in connecting with the net, but they were constantly in the lead with the first half ending 14-10.

The scoring laurels were evenly divided between Evard, Romary, Lassus and Bailey. Evards speared five shots from the charity lane making him high point man. Krautz of C. C. played a fine game at defensive, while Rudenbach was easily the star for Conway.

Central Catholic made in seven in a row by swamping the husky basketeers from Ossian High School to a 44-12 score last Saturday evening at Library Hall.

Evard, Lassus Romary Inc. formed the C. C. scoring combination and penetrated the Ossian defence at will. They dropped baskets into the hoop from all corners of the court. They are easily the best "shots" produced at C. C. in years.

Krautz and Bailey, caring for the defencive, were causing the visitors no end of worry and the Ossian lads were continually forced to shoot from mid-floor.

ST. MARY'S Huntington

The basketball squad of St. Mary High ran true to form and won two games from teams representing St. Charles of Peru. Both games were stubbornly contested with an excellent spirit of sportsmanship manifested by all participants.

In the first game, Robert Zahn, elusive forward for the St. Mary Juniors, played a stellar role. A short, snappy passing game, with a staunch five-man defence proved too much for the Peruians.

Captain Martin was high point man of the varsity squad. With two regulars on the bench and a consequent shift of players, the team work, though ragged at times, was effective.

On Friday, January 29th, the St. Mary basketballers jurney to Lagro to play the High School team.

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI SECRETARY NAMED

James E. Armstrong, '25, Director of Publicity for the University, was named acting secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association last week. He succeeded "Al" Ryan whose resignation was effective Jan. 1. For the present at least, Mr. Armstrong will continue in his duties as publicity chief.

The January number of the *Alumnus*, the first from the hands of the new secretary, will be out about January 20 according to present plans.

Growth of Church In England Shown In 1926 Directory

Total for Country, Including Wales, Put at 2,042,630, But Editor Believes It Is Actually About 2,500,000.

London, Jan. 19—N.C.W.C.New official figures relating to the Church in England and Wales show an increase in almost every department. The exceptions are in children's baptisms and in the number of children attending Catholic elementary schools. The "Catholic Directory" just published by Burns, Gates and Washbourne. The principal figures, this year's totals being compared with last year's, are:

	1925	1926
Clergy	3,031	3,096
Churches	2,024	2,063
Secondary Schools	471	476
Pupils in Schools	52,253	54,583
Elementary Schools	1,206	1,257
Children in Schools	360,965	359,078
Catholic Population	2,030,855	2,042,630

The total population of England and Wales at the 1921 census was 38,037,213. The returns for baptisms, marriages and conversions, included in the new "Directory," relate to the year 1924. They are as follows, the figures for the previous year being given for comparison:

	1923	1924
Children's Baptisms	68,445	67,565
Marriages	20,210	20,394
Conversions	12,796	12,356

Editor Questions Total

Speculation in the Catholic press here during the past year concerning the actual Catholic population have drawn the editor of the "Catholic Directory" into a discussion of the matter, and in a preface to the new edition he gives reasons for thinking that there are about half a million more Catholics in England and Wales than the official diocesan returns indicate.

He arrives at his estimate of 2,500,000 by a study of the Government figures of marriages and births in conjunction with the official diocesan returns and by making comparisons of the same kind between the Government reports on school attendance at public elementary schools and the known attendance at Church schools.

Protestants, Jews and Catholics Unite For Social Service

Chicago, Jan. 22.—N.C.W.C.—"The Social Action Programs of Catholics, Jews and Protestants," was the subject of discussion by clergymen of these three religious groups at the weekly meeting of the Chicago Forum. More than seven hundred persons attended, and applauded when the three speakers joined in expressing the belief that by inter-denominational cooperation much of the discord of the present day might be eliminated.

The speakers were: the Rev. J. W. Maguire, C. S. V., Professor of Sociology at St. Viator's College, Bourbonnais, Ill.; Rabbi Gerson B. Levi; and the Rev. Hubert C. Herring of a Boston Congregational Church. Each speaker explained and recalled the efforts made for the alleviation of poverty and the solution of economic problems by his respective religious group.

Announcement has been made here in connection with the convention of the Big Brother and Big Sister Federation that an arrangement has been effected whereby Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish welfare workers cooperate to help children throughout the United States and Canada.

INTRODUCING JUST ANOTHER COLUMN ABOUT ALMOST ANYTHING.

I'll begin the column this time by asking another foolish question.

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Do you ever read the funnies?

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That is another foolish question isn't it? It would be better to ask some people if they ever read anything else.

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Did you ever ask yourself why you like to read the funnies, and why the kiddies like them better than anything else?

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One reason is because they are natural, and sometimes unfortunately true. Take Andy Gump, for instance. Remember where he buys a lot of toys for Chester, and then plays with them himself? And when he puts on the toy sword, and straps the drum about him and marches up and down playing and trying to sing something? Isn't he doing what many a father has done or wants to do?

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And when Chester peeks around the door, and gets scolded for peeking, isn't that just like many a man you know?

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Lots of times you hear people say, "He's a regular Andy Gump." But it isn't so bad to be an Andy Gump. He's sincere, at least.

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Unfortunately, there are a lot of Moon Mullins, too. Moon is the typical example of what not to be and not to do. He and his little brother furnish a daily lesson in (bad) manners.

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And bad morals, too. Moon eats with his knife and his fingers, and wraps his napkin around his neck. But lots of good men do that. We could forgive his bad manners, and still laugh at him, if he wasn't such a liar.

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"Bringing up Father" is a good strip for girls to read, who plan to marry men to reform them. He remains the same Jiggs, in spite of all Maggie's efforts to reform him to the ways of society. She thinks she is the pink of perfection. Though it's no sin to be mistaken, doesn't everyone see her absurdity?

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Father, with his red hair and his red sox, Maggie with queenly ambitions and washerwoman taste, furnish lots of food for thought, besides being amusing.

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It's all exaggerated, of course. But if we see Maggie and Jiggs and Moon Mullins, and Andy in others, isn't it just possible that others see some of their qualities in us?

The Man in the Steeple.

Episcopalians Vote To Fight Legislation Aiding Birth Control

New York, Jan. 22.—(N.C.W.C.)—The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church voted Thursday to co-operate in the Catholic position in opposing Federal legislation which would legalize the transmission of birth control information and appliances through the mails. The action of the Episcopal Council was takene at the request of the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, presented in a letter reading in part:

"An attempt will be made in the present Congress to secure an amendment to the Federal Penal Code and Tariff Act to make it lawful to transmit through the United States mails and to import into our country information explaining and encouraging the practice of contraception. . . . . This is a challenge to the patriotism of every true American. It faces our country with a moral crisis of great magnitude. No one can be blind to the ultimate unhappy results of such information and practices, especially on the minds, morals and health of the younger citizens of our country, to whom we look for future growth and upbuilding of the United States."

Bird Coler Praises Catholic and Jewish Charity Work in N. Y.

New York, Jan. 19—N.C.W.C.—The Catholic and Jewish organizations are the most effective aids in the relief of the city's needy, declared Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare of New York City, in an address at the West Side Young Men's Christian Association.

"Speaking as a Protestant," Mr. Coler said, "let me add that the Protestant church in this city is the furthest behind. Catholic and Jewish organizations have proved willing and capable, but the Protestants are lagging sadly. The Protestant church has no home for the care of its feebleminded children and is unwilling to take care of them even when the city is willing to pay.

"Even the conditions of our great high schools," he stated, "are such that you would not believe them possible. We are so afraid of religious teaching that we have put it out of our schools altogether and have commercialized, agnostic institutions, with children who do not even respect their own parents, as a result."

Long engagements are dangerous. After he's married he can keep both hands on the steering wheel.

Free thinkers Seek To Banish Religion From Public Schools

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 22.—(N.C.W.C.)—A hearing will be held in the Supreme Court here February 13, on a petition for a writ of mandamus which would restrain school officials from permitting religious instruction of public school children during school hours. Supreme Court Justice Pierre H. Russell at Troy has signed an order requiring Frank P. Graves, State Commissioner of Education, to show cause why such a writ should not be issued.

The action is brought by the Freethinkers Society of New York which last year won a legal action to stop the Mount Vernon School Board from permitting school children to take forty-five minutes from each school-week for religious instruction. In the present instance the action is based on the practice of school officials at White Plains where, according to the Freethinkers' petition, conditions are the same as they were at Mount Vernon last year.

BREEN MEDAL WON BY HANNIBAL, MO., STUDENT.

William Coyne of Hannibal, Mo., a junior in the college of arts and letters, won the Breen Medal for oratory in the annual contest at the University of Notre Dame last week. Coyne has been a member of the University debating team and a prominent campus speaker during his course here. His subject was "The Tennessee Anti-Evolution Law." Among the other contestants for the medal were Paul Harrington, captain of the track team and editor of the "Catalyzer," a magazine of chemistry, who spoke on "Ideals"; Victor Lemmer, president of the Glee Club, whose subject was "Child Labor", and John Cavanaugh, a student for the priesthood, who talked on "Law Enforcement." The judges for the contest were Rev. James Stack and Profs. John Cooney and James Hines.

The Breen Medal for Oratory is the gift of the Hon. William P. Breen, Fort Wayne, Ind., of the Class of '77. It is awarded annually to the student who excels in oratory. The winner represents the University of Notre Dame in the Indiana State Oratorical Contest held on the third Friday in February. All college students are eligible for the contest, but no student may receive the medal more than once. The winner may, however, compete again for the privilege of representing the University in the State meet.

One thing a man usually doesn't return if he finds it unsatisfactory and that's a bullet-proof vest.

Although idle the miners are working on the theory that the public has money to burn.

CARDINAL MERCIER, BELGIUM PRIMATE, WAR HERO, IS DEAD

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little money. Their comfortable rural home had to be given up and from then on there was a constant struggle in order that Desire-Joseph might be given the education which his early school successes had indicated he deserved. Finally it was arranged for him to go to the Seminary at Malines to complete his classical and theological studies. The decision to enter the priesthood brought deep joy to the family.

It was in 1870 that the young seminarian went to Malines. Western Europe was then in the throes of the Franco-Prussian war. Naturally the stirring events culminating in the downfall of the Third Napoleon and the establishment of the German Empire made a profound impression on the youthful theologian. Belgium in those days was thronged with French refugees and the war was the foremost topic in men's minds and conversations.

In April, 1874, the future Cardinal was ordained to the priesthood. The ordination took place in the chapel of the Nunciature in Brussels, Msgr. Cattani was the ordaining prelate and Msgr. Vannutelli, now dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, was among the ecclesiastics present. After ordination the young priest went from Malines to study at the University of Louvain. In 1877, however, he was called back to Malines as Professor of Philosophy in the Seminary there. It was in this position that he established such a reputation that at the end of five years he was appointed to the Chair of Philosophy at Louvain. Here his work was of such high order that when in 1880, at the suggestion of Pope Leo XIII, a chair of Thomistic Philosophy was established at Louvain, the young Abbe Mercier was given the appointment. He went to Rome to confer personally with the Pope about plans for this new Department which, later—in 1888—was expanded into the Superior Institute of Philosophy. Abbe Mercier was chosen President of the Institute and soon organized it to include courses in many branches of science running parallel with the courses in philosophy. The Cardinal has given his conception of the need and functions of such an Institute as follows:

"If we must devote ourselves to work of analysis we must remember—experience has only too clearly shown—that analysis left to itself easily gives rise to narrowness of mind, to a sort of instinctive antipathy to all that is beyond observed fact, to positivist tendencies if not to positivist convictions.

"But science is not an accumulation of facts; it is system embracing facts and their mutual relations.

"The particular sciences do not give us a complete representation of reality. They abstract; but the relations which they isolate in thought lie together in reality and are interwoven with one another; and that is why the special sciences demand and give rise to a science of sciences, to a general synthesis, in a word, to Philosophy."

Professor Mercier, as he was known, continued at the University of Louvain until 1906. In that year Cardinal Goosens of Malines died and Pope Pius X named Msgr. Mercier for that Primatial See. His elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals came shortly thereafter, April 15, 1907. Shortly after his appointment to the See of Malines, he was honored with the Presidency of the Belgian Royal Academy of Literature and Sciences.

From this time on until the outbreak of the war, the Cardinal's efforts were chiefly devoted to the upbuilding of his diocese and the University of Louvain. When the war broke out he immediately became the outstanding figure in Belgium and his denunciations of German outrages and violations of law soon made his name well known throughout the world. In his pastorals and in his correspondence with officials of the German Occupying Forces he continued throughout the war to protest against the treatment inflicted upon his nation and to call upon the world for justice. His record and statements during this period are so well known as to make repetition useless.

Some of his utterances during that period have become historic: for example, his definition of patriotism in the Christmas Pastoral of 1914—the pastoral which provoked the German occupying authorities to fury and led them to make fruitless attempts to force the Cardinal to withdraw it. In that letter the Cardinal declared:

"Our country is not a mere concourse of persons or of families dwelling on the same soil, having amongst themselves relations, more or less intimate, of business of neighborhood, of a community of memories, happy or unhappy. Not so! it is an association of living souls subject to a social organization to be defended and safeguarded at all costs, even the cost of blood, under the leadership of those presiding over its fortunes. And it is because of this general spirit that the people of a country live a common life in the present, through the past, through the aspirations, the hopes, the confidence in a life to come, which they share together. Patriotism, an internal principle of order and of unity, an organic bond of the members of a nation, was placed by the finest thinkers of Greece and Rome at the head of the natural virtues. Aristotle, the prince of the philosophers of Antiquity, held disinterested service to the City—that is, the State—to be the very ideal of human duty. And the religion of Christ makes patriotism positive law; there is no perfect Christian who is not also a perfect patriot."

And the Cardinal's fearless application of that duty of patriotism to his own actions, was illustrated in the sermon he preached in Brussels, July 21, 1916, on the 85th anniversary of Belgium independence. At a time when prospects of victory for the Allies seemed almost hopeless, the Cardinal thus publicly predicted the future celebration of the centenary of the independence of his country:

"Today, in fourteen years time, our restored cathedrals and our rebuilt churches will be thrown widely open; the crowds will surge in; our King Albert, standing on his throne, will bow his unconquered head before the King of Kings; the Queen and the Royal Princes will surround him; we shall hear again the joyous peals of our bells, and throughout the whole country, under the vaulted arches of our churches, Belgians, hand in hand, will renew their vows to their God, their Sovereign, and their liberty while the Bishops and priests, interpreters of the soul of the nation, will intone a triumphant Te Deum in a common transport of joyous thanksgiving."

As in his pastorals, so also in his correspondence with von Bissing, the German General, did the Cardinal maintain his unwavering defence of the rights of the Church and the nation. And his dealings with Baron von der Lancken, head of the political department of the occupying forces, show the latter making valiant but futile efforts to defend the conduct of the invaders against the always polite but relentlessly logical insistence of the Cardinal that the rights of his flock were being trampled upon.

Cardinal Mercier paid his long anticipated visit to the United States in the Autumn of 1919. His progress through the country was a continuous ovation. In New York he was greeted by Archbishop, now Cardinal, Hayes, Mayor Hylan and other distinguished personages. The City of New York made him a citizen of that municipality as the city of Cleveland did later and the Governor of the State welcomed him at Albany. While the Cardinal was in New York, General Pershing led the famous First Division, fresh from France, in a parade up Fifth Avenue. The Cardinal, together with Archbishop Hayes and Brand Whitlock, former American Minister to Belgium, watched the parade from a stand in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral. As the head of the procession reached this point, General Pershing dismounted and stopped to greet the Cardinal whom he had met previously in Belgium. The parade was halted for a few moments while the General of the Armies greeted the Primate of Belgium.

From New York, Cardinal Mercier and his party went to Baltimore where they were greeted by the late Cardinal Gibbons. American institutions of learning vied with one another to show honor to the former head of the Institute of Louvain. Honorary Degrees were conferred upon the Belgian Cardinal by Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Brown, Trinity College, University of the State of New York, Wesleyan and other institutions.

September 24, 1919, Cardinal Mercier addressed the assembled members of the American Hierarchy at their annual meeting of the Catholic University in Washington. He thanked the American prelates for the aid given by American Catholics to Belgium during the war. The same sentiments, he expressed to all Americans of all creeds in a public address in the Lyric Theatre in Baltimore and at other times during his visit. His attitude was summed up in his statement to newspaper men on the day of his arrival in New York when he said:

"I feel that my arrival here is one of the greatest events of my life, and I only wish that I could at least in part express the gratitude of Belgium to America and her people."

The Cardinal returned to Europe early in November, 1919. Since that time he has taken an active part in the work of repairing the ravages of war in his native land.

In April, 1924, the Cardinal Primate reached the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. At his request the day was observed quietly in view of the Lenten season, the solemn celebration being postponed until the following month. However, King Albert and other distinguished visitors called that day at Malines to pay their respects to the Cardinal and thousands of messages of felicitation were received from all parts of the world. The public celebration was held with great solemnity on May 12, and was attended by the Belgian Royal family, the Cabinet and prominent personages from many parts of Europe.

The twilight of the great prelate's life was given over to works of charity designed to heal the scars of war. In 1923-24 he presided over the Belgian Committee which financed the project of bringing thousands of under-nourished Hungarian children from their homes to Belgium for a six months vacation with proper food and care.

EDUCATION WEEK WELL OBSERVED BY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Catholic papers throughout the country shows how thorough and widespread was the arranging and carrying out of local programs based on the Bureau's outline. It also demonstrates eloquently the support given the Catholic schools and their movement by the Catholic press everywhere. Many papers gave generous editorial space to the week. In this they were joined by Catholic magazines.

The gratifying results of the 1925 effort are reflected in the many letters received by the Bureau. One from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Smith, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for New York Schools, says: "It will please you to know that by the direction of His Eminence the Cardinal, a copy (of the program) was sent to each pastor and to each principal with orders to keep the week with appropriate exercises." Archbishop Shaw, of New Orleans, sent personally for a consignment of the folders. The head of St. Charles' Schools, Woonsocket, wrote: "We would like to have one in every classroom." The Rev. Felix M. Kirsch, O. M. Cap., of the Capuchin College, Brookland, said: "The folders are very valuable and should prove very helpful to our Catholic educators."

In the Belleville diocese, Bishop Althoff personally launched the observance and at his direction the week closed with a sermon in every church of the diocese on Catholic education. In the diocese of Louisville, for local reasons, the week was observed jointly with the public schools, and the value of the Catholic programs was attested by the Rev. F. N. Pitt, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

Of the Catholic observance of the week, Joy Elmer Morgan, Editor of the National Education Association Journal, wrote Francis M. Crowley, Director of the Bureau: "You are doing admirable work. Kindly accept our compliments."

The St. Joseph's Hospital Sewing circle gave their weekly card social Tuesday afternoon in the K. C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Grusenmeyer have departed for a five months stay in California. They will be joined on their trip by their daughter, Miss Anna at Denver, Colo.

SISTER M. LIOBA BURIED AT OLDENBERG

In the death of Sister Lioba Oefelein, the Community of the Sisters of St. Francis suffers the loss of another efficient member. Sister Lioba has served in the capacity of teacher for more than forty years, as Local Superior of several mission homes and for the past ten years she was in charge of St. Clement School, St. Bernard, Ohio. Last September, she was missioned as Local Superior at St. John's School, Middletown, Ohio, where she suffered an attack of heart trouble December 20, and was taken to Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, where she died on Friday, January 15th, at 7 a. m.

The funeral services, solemn requiem Mass with Rev. Vigil Daeger, O. F. M. officiating, were held in the convent Church, Oldenberg, Monday morning. Rev. Basil Henze, O. F. M., pastor of St. Clement Church, St. Bernard, Ohio, said Mass at the side altar and was present for the cemetery burial service.

Sister Lioba leaves a brother and two sisters, one of whom Sister M. Charles Borromeo is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Sister Anna at Shelbyville, Ind., another. Sister M. Stephanie preceded Sister Lioba in death some years ago.—R. I. P.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH FORMS DEBATING TEAMS

Debating has always occupied a pre-eminent place on C. C. calendar of activtives and it is reaching its zenith this year. Brother Frederick, C. S. C. faculty supervisor of oratory and elocution called a meeting and about twenty forensic artists responded. Out of this group two senior and three junior teams will be formed, who will engage in class debates for the purpose of elimination. From those surving, two representive teams shall be selected to defend the school's honor. The subject they have selected is "Resolved that the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution should be repealed."

Attempts are being made to schedule debates with, Indianapolis, Englewood High of Chicago, Gary, Crawfordsville, Hammond, and other schools.

Among those bit by the debating bug are: Broeker, Heit, Pienc, Freiberger, Sigl, Koehl, Lemper, Tucker, Eyanson, Bell, Hogg, Goche, York, Henry, White and Corbett.

A regular fellow is one whose habits are irregular.

HOLY CROSS MISSION BAND COVERS WIDE FIELD IN ITS WORK.

Thirty-four appointments for the conduct of retreats, missions and devotion of Forty Hours from January to June, are scheduled for the Holy Cross Mission Band of Notre Dame. Very Rev. James J. French, C. S. C., assistant superior-general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is superior of the mission band, the members of which are: Rev. Thomas Kearney, Fev. Wendell P. Corcoran, Rev. Jos. J. Boyle, Rev. Bernard B. Mulloy, Rev. Patrick H. Dolan, Rev. Charles J. Flynn and Rev. Wm. J. Burke, C. S. C.

Probably no single mission band covers a wider field in its labors. In their new year appointments the missionaries will visit twelve states, including Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Utah, Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Sunday, January 10, Father Boyle closed a retreat for the students of Visitation High School, Chicago. A three days' retreat given by Father Dolan for the Holy Name Society at Sacred Heart church, Dearborn, Mich., concluded January 10. Conducted by Father Mulloy a two days' retreat was given January 13-14 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, for the young men of the Central Catholic high school. January 10-15 Father Burke was retreat-master for the student nurses at St. Joseph's hospital, South Bend, Ind. Sunday, January 17, Father Burke opened a three days' retreat for the Young Ladies' Sodality at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Mich. A Holy retreat was given Jan. 6-10 at Our Lady of Lourdes church, River Rouge, Mich., by Father Flynn. Fathers Boyle, Corcoran and Flynn opened a two weeks' mission on Sunday, January 17, at St. Augustine's church, Kalamazoo, Mich. A three weeks' mission January 24-Feb. 14, will be conducted at St. Patrick's church, Cleveland, by Fathers Kearney, Mulloy and Dolan.

Mr. William Leen, B. A., has taken a position as instructor in the Department of Philosophy, at Notre Dome University, succeeding Mr. Charles Mercier, who was called back to Belguim during the Christmas holidays by the grave illness of his uncle, Cardinal Mercier. Mr. Leen made his studies at University College, Cork, Ireland, and took his degree from the National University of Ireland.

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